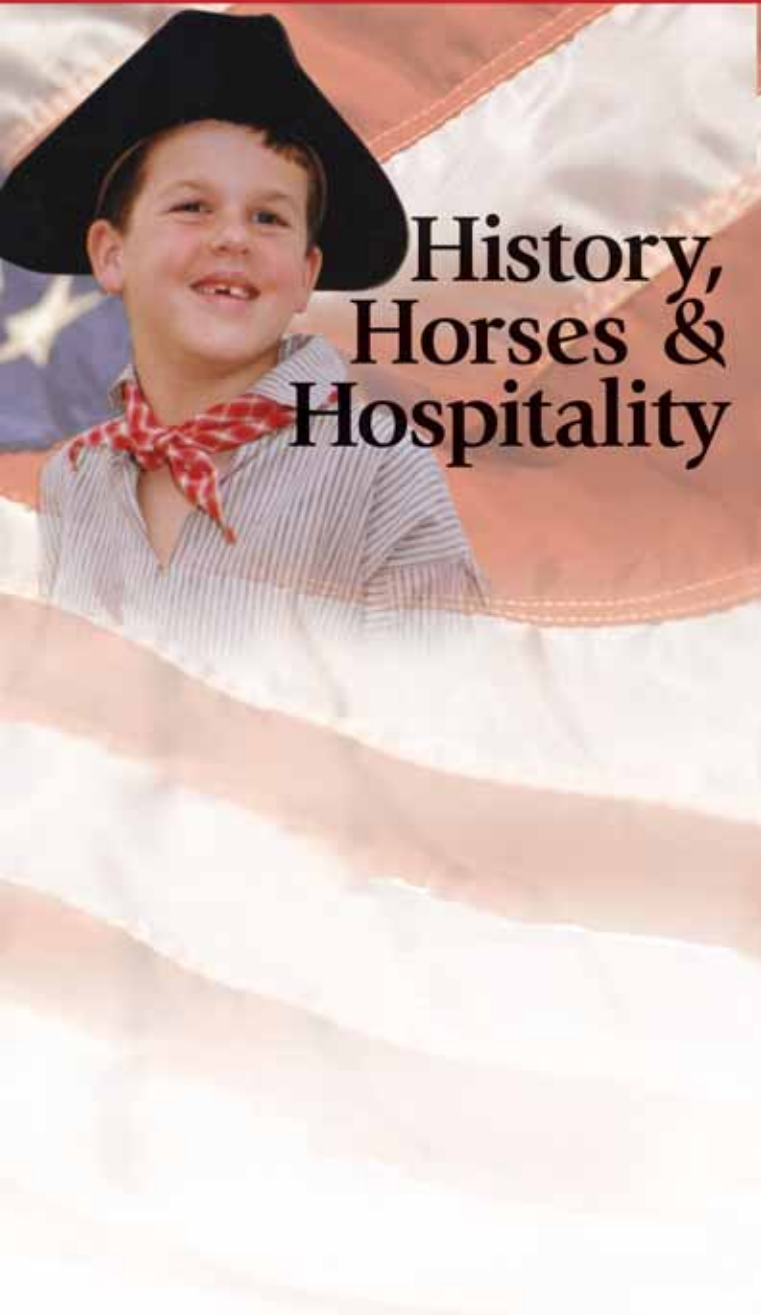


**CAMDEN, BOYKIN, BETHUNE,
CASSATT, ELGIN, LAKE WATEREE,
LIBERTY HILL, LUGOFF**



History, Horses & Hospitality

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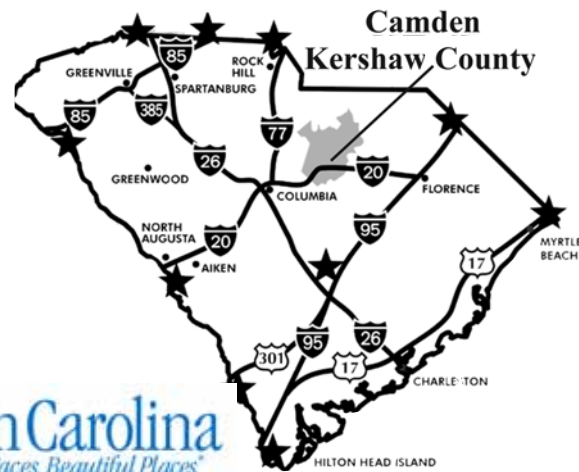
We are pleased you have chosen to visit us in Kershaw County. On Interstate 20, in the heart of South Carolina, history smiles at you from every bend in the road in our quiet communities. Your cell phone will pick up a signal, but you might just choose to turn it off while you sip sweet tea and quench your thirst for a simpler time, relaxing in a rocker on the grand front porch of the county's Visitors Center at 607 South Broad Street in Camden, just up the street from Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site.

Join the fun! The Bethune Chicken Strut, Camden Cup Polo Match, Carolina and Colonial Cup Steeplechase Races, The Carolina Downhome Blues Festival, Elgin Cattfish Stomp, IPRA Rodeo, Revolutionary War Field Days Re-enactment, Boykin Christmas Parade, Colonial Christmas in Camden and the Camden Candlelight Tour of Homes at Christmas offer pleasures not found anywhere else. The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County provides entertainment by nationally known performers and artists throughout the year, and displays a free art exhibit each month in Basset Gallery.

The hospitality of gracious people eager to share the treasures of their communities invites you to enjoy this place of history, horses, recreation, festivals, shopping and dining. Come Experience Unbridled History in Kershaw County!



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HISTORIC ROBERT MILLS

COURTHOUSE Designed in 1825. The Courtroom is restored to conform to an 1845 renovation. Now home to Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, the building is open daily: M – F, 9 – 5. Call **800.968.4037** or visit www.Camden-sc.org.

**CAMDEN'S HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Featuring more than 60 historic sites pre-dating 1865, this National Historic Register district is the essence of Camden, "South Carolina's Oldest Inland City." Carriage tours are available to transport visitors through the district. **803.432.2525** or **800.968.4037**.



CAMDEN ANTIQUE AND ARTS DISTRICT With over twenty antique shops and a growing number of artisans' shops, antique and arts enthusiasts will find heaven on earth in Camden's Antique and Arts District! Free Antique and Arts District Guide with map is available to assist you. **803.432.2525** or **800.968.4037**.

HISTORIC CAMDEN REVOLUTIONARY WAR SITE This 107-acre outdoor museum complex offers a view of South Carolina Back-country life during the Colonial and Revolutionary War periods. Special events include Revolutionary War Field Days and Battle of Camden Remembrance Weekend. US Hwy 521 South, Camden, **803.432.9841**, www.historicc Camden.org.



KING HAIGLAR AND OPERA HOUSE TOWER A noble Catawba Indian chief who befriended early Camden settlers, King Haiglar is often called "The Patron Saint of Camden." Today he reigns over Camden in the form of two life-sized weather vanes, which grace the circa 1886 Opera House Tower at 950 Broad Street and the dome of Camden City Hall, 1000 Lytleton Street.

**CAMDEN ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM**

Equipped with a large and diverse collection of genealogical and historical research materials, the Archives

provide a vital link to the heritage and history of Camden and Kershaw County. Free admission. 1314 Broad Street, Camden, **803.425.6050**, camdenarchives@mindspring.com.

BONDS CONWAY HOUSE View the home built by Bonds Conway, believed to be the first African-American in Camden to buy his freedom. The house, circa 1810, currently serves as the office of the Kershaw County Historical Society. 811 Fair Street, Camden. **803.425.1123**.

FINE ARTS CENTER OF KERSHAW COUNTY

Experience the excitement of live theatre, concerts, plays, musicals, exhibits, classes for all ages, a children's choir, affiliate clubs, and much more. 810 Lytleton Street, Camden, **803.425.7676**.



QUAKER, BETH EL AND CEDAR CEMETERIES Still in use today, Quaker Cemetery is the burial place for heroes of several wars, a female Civil War spy, and other notable past Camden residents. Open daily until 5 p.m. 700 Block of Meeting Street. **803.432.4356**.

BATTLE OF HOBKIRK'S HILL See the sites of the Revolutionary War, where on April 25, 1781, under General Nathanael Greene, the American forces were defeated. Their strong resistance to Lord Francis Rawdon and his troops took its toll on the British, and led to the British evacuation of Camden ten days later. **803.432.2525**

CAMDEN-KERSHAW COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Catering to all age groups, the department supervises 34 tennis courts, 31 baseball fields, 9 soccer fields, 4 volleyball courts, a 9-Hole Disk Golf Course, and 3 walking paths. 1042 West DeKalb Street, Camden. **803.425.6009** or **803.425.6010**.



SPRINGDALE RACE COURSE Thrill to the excitement of Kershaw County's internationally renowned steeplechase races, the Carolina Cup in the spring and the Marion DuPont Scott Colonial Cup in the fall. 200 Knights Hill Road off US Hwy. 521.

For information, **803.432.6513** or **800.780.8117**.

LAKE WATEREE Fish in one of South Carolina's oldest man-made lakes. The lake is a year-round favorite of campers, fishermen, and recreational boaters. Campsites are available. A temporary South Carolina fishing license is required for out-of-state visitors.

N.R. GOODALE STATE PARK The park's spring-fed lake offers boating, fishing, and hiking opportunities. The park also features a free nine-hole golf course, which for many years was the only golf course open to African Americans in the state. Follow Hwy 1 to Stagecoach Road, then follow the signs. 650 Park Road, Camden. **803.432.2772**



BATTLE OF CAMDEN Visit the site of the worst Patriot battle defeat of the American Revolution, where British troops under Lord Cornwallis defeated the Americans commanded by the "Hero of Saratoga," General Horatio Gates. SC Secondary Hwy. 58, Flat Rock Road, off Hwy. 521 North, five miles north of Camden.

WESTFALL ARENA & ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX

The Arena hosts more than 40 equine events annually. Most events are free to spectators. Open to the public Tues - Sun. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. 443 Cleveland School Road/Interstate 20, Exit 101, Camden. **803.432.9100.**



HOFIELD FARM Savor the taste of Kershaw County's home-grown produce. Venture into one of the farm's many fields and orchards for a delightful "pick-your-own" experience. Stop at HoField's roadside stand or shop at the Garden Cottage Gift Shop for fresh flowers and produce. Open Monday - Saturday; Seasonal. 653 Bishopville Hwy., Camden. **803.432.6499.**

HISTORIC BOYKIN Take a step back in time with a visit to the Boykin Mill Pond community, site of the last battle fought in South Carolina during the Civil War. Visit The Boykin Mill.



Next door, watch brooms being made by hand using 100 year-old equipment at The Broom Place. Boykin Company Store, offers gifts, gourmet foods, and specialty items. Reservations are recommended for gourmet fine dining at one of South Carolina's finest restaurants according to Fodor's Travel Guide, Boykin's at the Mill Pond Restaurant.

Boykin Co. Grille will tempt you with delicious lunch and dinner selections. Nearby is Swift Creek Baptist Church where generations of worshipers lifted their voices in prayer. Broom Place Phone/Fax: **803.425.0933.** Boykin's at the Mill Pond,

803.425.8825. Boykin Co. Grille **803.425.6724.** Church and Mill SC Hwy. 261, Boykin. **803.425.8825.**

BATTLE OF BOYKIN'S MILL Explore the American Civil War battle site where local Confederate forces were outnumbered by 2,500 Federal troops including the famous 54th Massachusetts Regiment. A unique monument stands at Boykin Mill in memory of soldiers who fought on both sides of the conflict. SC Hwy. 261, Boykin.



HERMITAGE FARM SHOOTING SPORTS Learn, hone your skills, and enjoy the sport of shooting. Sporting clays course, skeet shooting area, wobble trap & 5 stand provide a wide range of shooting sport activities. 2362 Tickle Hill Road, Camden. **803.432.0210.**

CLEVELAND SCHOOL FIRE MEMORIAL Visit the site where Cleveland School stood until the fateful day it burned, claiming the lives of 77 South Carolina residents. The nation's reaction to this tragedy shaped modern building codes. At nearby Beulah Methodist Church, a monument and enclosure mark the mass grave of many of the fire's victims.

LUGOFF Named for Russian, Count Lugoff (*Loo'-goff*), who tradition says brought railroad workers to the area. The old train station stands on Ward Road as a testament to the community's origin as a stop on the Seaboard Railroad. Lugoff is the birthplace of Brooks Benton, best known for recording "*Rainy Night in Georgia.*"

POET'S PATHWAY FOLK ART CENTER This group-friendly religious folk art destination features indoor and outdoor scenes where visitors can enjoy nature trails and study the work of owner D.F. Dixon and other local artists. Take Boulware Road off Hwy. 34 to 142 David Street, Lugoff. **803.438.7321** or www.poetspathway.com.

SCOTTISH CEMETERY On US Hwy. 1 South outside Bethune, Scottish Cemetery has been the final resting place for local citizens since the late 1700's. The history of surrounding communities is reflected in the names etched on the faces of the soapstone headstones.

TOWN OF BETHUNE On high ground surrounded by the waters of Lynches River and Little Lynches River, Bethune is a quiet town where turn-of-the-century Southern charm reigns supreme. Train tracks run beside Bethune Town Hall as a reminder of the rail's importance to this stop on the

Seaboard Railroad. Residents are carefully restoring historic homes to preserve the town's Mayberry-like character. The bridge on Hwy. 1, north of Bethune, is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the only bridge spanning the same river three times.

BETHUNE POTTERY Turning out hundreds of pieces of concrete pottery each day, this five-acre site also carries on the 60-year-old "Old Bethune Pottery" tradition of digging, processing and supplying Bethune clay to artists and classrooms across the state. Hwy. 1 South, Bethune. **843.334.8346.**

CASSATT Begun as a railroad stop on the Seaboard Railroad and named for a railroad executive, Cassatt is one of the many small towns dotting US Hwy 1 as it meanders south from Maine to Florida. Locals enjoy a daily visit to the Hard Times Café on Hwy. 1 for a taste of southern cooking. Open 8 - 3. **803.425.7308.**

TOWN OF ELGIN Originally known as Blaney, the citizens elected to change their community's name to Elgin in 1962, to entice the Elgin watch company to build a factory here.



LIBERTY HILL Liberty Hill is set on a narrow ridge with a view of four counties. Grand homes dot the idyllic countryside. Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church and cemetery offer a serene spot for reflection on the important role Kershaw County played in 225 years of our country's history. This church features the 142-year-old bell from the original church and a solid mahogany organ believed to be imported from England, one of the oldest in the state still in use.

EVENTS CALENDAR

For specific dates and times contact **800-968-4037, 803-432-2525**, or visit www.Camden-sc.org/calendar.

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

Camden Kitchen Tour
Ticketed Event. 803.425.7676

Multi-Cultural Events
See www.camden-sc.org/calendar
or call 803.425.7676

MARCH - APRIL

Spring Antiques Appraisal Day
803.432.9841

Charles Wadsworth Evening Escape Chamber Series Ticketed event.
803.425.7676

Camden Community Concert Band
Sunday afternoon concerts in the park. Free.

Pegasus Ball Thursday preceding the Carolina Cup. Ticketed event.
803.432.4311

Backstretch BBQ A little night music, casual clothes, a medley of grilled foods, and cool drinks.
Tickets: 803-432-6513

The Carolina Cup Tickets and parking spaces for tailgating are available. 803.432.6513

Bethune Chicken Strut Festival
803.432.2525.

Family Home & Garden Week
803.432.9071.

Sandlapper Golden Retriever Club AKC Licensed Specialty Dog Show
803.432.2525

Duplicate Bridge Tournament
803-432-1515.

MAY - JUNE

The Camden Cup Polo Weekend
803.425.7676.

Charles Wadsworth Evening Escape Chamber Series 803.425.7676.

Shag Blast
Ticketed event. 803.432.2525

Spring Market Day & Crafts Fair
803.432.9841

History Summer Camp at Historic Camden 803.432.9841

Camden Community Theater Production 803.425.7676.

JULY - AUGUST

Yippy Yi Yea Quarter Horse Show
803.432.9100

Jammin' in July 803.432.9841
Ticketed event.

Art Camp 803.425.7676

Battle of Camden Remembrance Weekend 803.432.9841

Koi-Goldfish Pond Tour
803.432.2525 or 803.432.0377

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

"Garden Walks" Tour
803.713.0806

Carolina Downhome Blues Festival
803.425.7676 or
www.bluesbash.com/camden

Wateree Cutting Horse Show
803.969.3251

Firefest 803.432.9841

Fall Market Day & Crafts Fair
803.432.9841

IPRA Rodeo 803.432.9100

Fall Antiques Appraisal Day
803.432.9841

Celtic at the Craven
Ticketed event. 803.432.9841

Camden Community Concert Band
803.425.7676.

American Quarter Horse Association Spooktacular Championship Show
803.649.3505

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Revolutionary War Field Days
Ticketed event. 803.432.9841

Celebrate Freedom Festival
Ticketed event. 803.432.2525

South Carolina Dressage Combined Training Association
803.776.4442

Bluejeans, Bluegrass, BBQ, and Oysters
Ticketed event. 803.425.7676

Colonial Cup Steeplechase Races
803.432.6513

Westfall Arena National Barrel Horse Association Combined Show

Elgin Catfish Stomp 803.438.0973

South Carolina Hunter Jumper Show 803.432.4190

Candlelight Tour of Homes
803.432.2525

Colonial Christmas in Camden
Ticketed event. 803.432.9841

Camden Community Concert Band Holiday Concert 803.425.7676

Charles Wadsworth Evening Escape Chamber Series 803.425.7676

Kershaw County Christmas Parade
803.432.2525 or 800.968.4037

Concert Choir of Kershaw County Holiday Performance
Ticketed event. 803.425.7676

Boykin Christmas Parade
803.432.2525